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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF HAITIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: (A) 76 PORT AU PRINCE 3659 (NOTAL)  
(B) PARIS 838 (NOTAL)  
(C) 76 PORT AU PRINCE 3641 (NOTAL)

FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF PORT AU PRINCE 0755 REPEATED FOR  
YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE:

1. THE DEPORTATION TO FRANCE OF EIGHT HAITIANS DEEMED  
BY THE GOH AS TOO DANGEROUS TO THE SECURITY OF THE STATE  
TO REMAIN IN HAITI FOLLOWING THEIR RELEASE IN AN AMNESTY  
DECEMBER 24, 1976, WAS A NEW DEPARTURE IN HAITIAN  
TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN AN ENVIRONMENT LESS  
THREATENING TO THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES THAN HAITI.

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2. WE WOULD LIKE TO LEARN WHAT THEIR EXPERIENCE IN PRISON  
WERE SO WE CAN COMPARE THEM WITH THE EXPERIENCES OF  
THOSE PRISONERS ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN HAITI AFTER THEIR  
RELEASE. WE HAVE SPOKEN WITH SEVERAL OF THE LATTER  
AND FIND THEIR TREATMENT VARIED ACCORDING TO THEIR PLACE

OF DETENTION AND, APPARENTLY, THE NATURE OF THEIR OFFENSES. ACCOUNTS FROM A NUMBER OF FORMER PRISONERS COULD BE USED TO COMPILE AN ANONYMOUS, COMPOSITE PICTURE OF CURRENT PRISON CONDITIONS THAT WOULD HELP OUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. THE EIGHT HAITIANS DEPORTED TO FRANCE WERE LIONEL DERENONCOURT, MAX CHARLIER, GARY PHILIPPI, JEAN-GERARD PIERRE, SERGE CALVIN, FRANTZ LOFFICIAL, FRANK DURE PLACIDE, AND ALIX PIERRE-LOUIS. DERENONCOURT IS NOW IN THE UNITED STATES AND, WITH COOPERATION OF CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, WAS RECENTLY INTERVIEWED BY HAITIAN DESK OFFICER. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT FRENCH AUTHORITIES OR UNCHR OFFICIALS ARE AWARE OF WHEREABOUTS OF OTHER SEVEN. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT PIERRE-LOUIS HAD WIFE AND CHILDREN IN BELGIUM (76 PORT AU PRINCE 3012), AND, ACCORDING TO HAITIAN EXILE PRESS, PLACIDE HAS FAMILY IN CANADA. DERENONCOURT MAINTAINS CONTACT WITH CHARLIER AND PHILIPPI.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT (EXCEPT FOR DERENONCOURT) DEPARTMENT ATTEMPT TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW THESE EXILES. ONCE THE MEN ARE LOCATED, WE WILL PROVIDE BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON EACH EXILE A, AND CHECK LIST OF POINTS TO COVER SUCH AS AVAILABILITY OF MEDICAL CARE, CONDITIONS OF IMPRISONMENT, NAMES OF PERSONS STILL JAILED, ETC. INTERVIEWING OFFICERS SHOULD BE FLUENT IN FRENCH.

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